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**1** Attorney General. However, the second consent agreement itself was legally binding, without Washington State being required to take on more waste. Yet even after Washington State agreed to accept more waste, DOE failed in its promise of a new cleanup timetable.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires a comprehensive look at all the impacts in bringing waste to Hanford, including risk of accident, impact to the soil and ground water. Further, the State of Washington has jurisdiction over solid and mixed waste under Ecology's Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

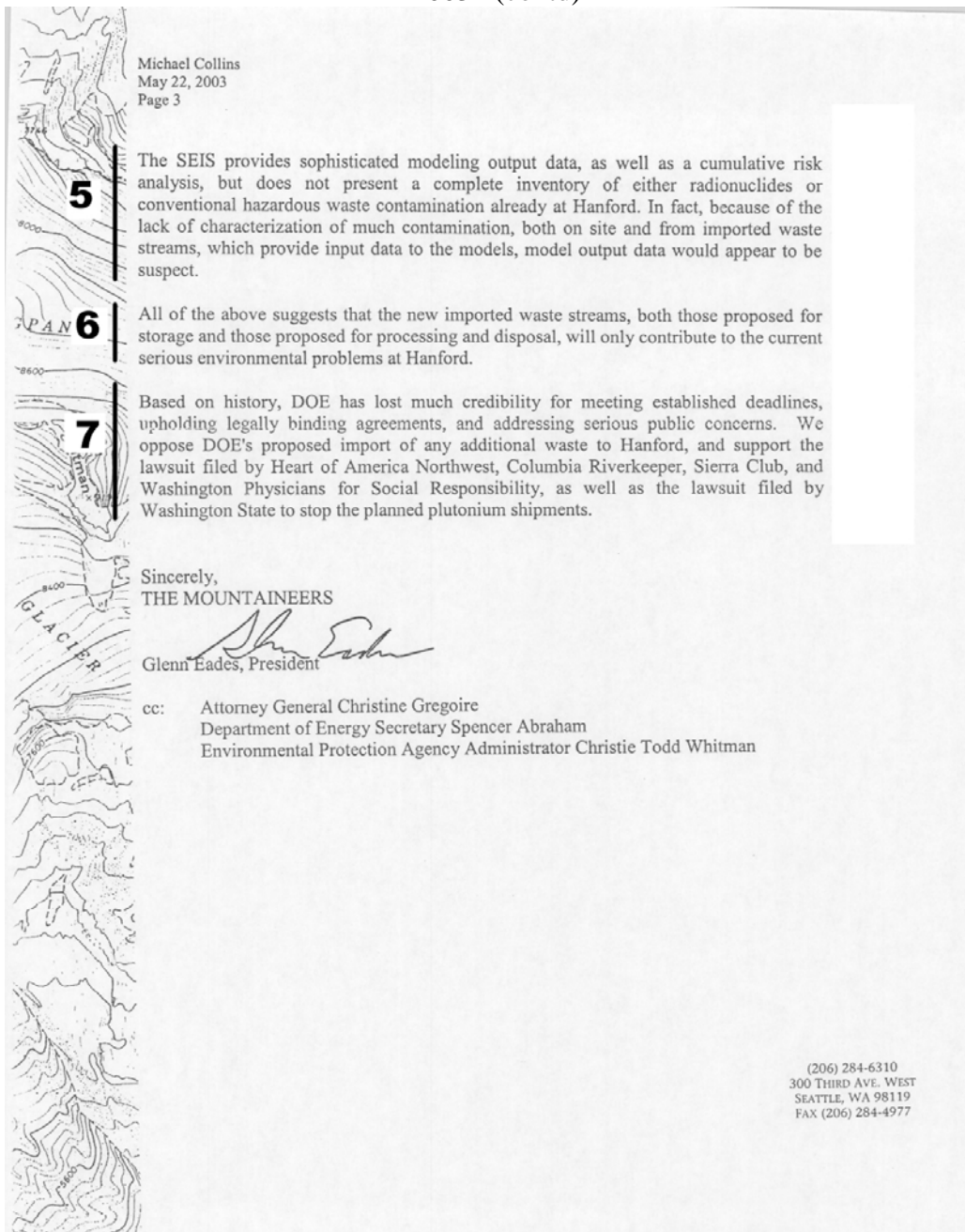
**2** All alternatives of the revised Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (hereafter referred to as the SWEIS) include import of TRU waste, in addition to 12.7 million cubic feet of Low Level and Mixed Low Level Waste (LLW and MLLW) to Hanford, with the exception of the "stop work" alternative, which stops all cleanup work at Hanford. This is not a valid alternative, because USDOE is obligated under existing laws to proceed with cleanup.

Inbound RH TRU waste contains long-lived radioisotopes such as plutonium, and emits at least 200 mrem (20 full body xrays) per hour of radiation at the waste package surface. In addition, the SWEIS states that the TRU waste may also contain hazardous components; ie mixed TRU. USDOE has violated manifesting, tracking, and reporting requirements, and has not characterized the hazardous wastes of the incoming TRU shipments, in violation of RCRA, the Washington Hazardous Waste Management act, and the Hanford Site RCRA Permit. Further, documents received by Ecology state that some of this material has radiation levels that "preclude current visual, chemical, and NDE verification at Hanford."

**3** These problems intensify all aspects of the issues related to the import of RH TRU, including potential environmental impacts of transportation, which the SWEIS still fails to adequately address. The SWEIS lists dozens of chemical and radiological releases associated with on site accidents, but continues to address off site transportation accidents only in terms of the historical number of traffic fatalities. Greg DeBruler, technical consultant for Columbia Riverkeeper has noted "We have to protect the interests of our groups' member families along these truck routes, to protect against our families being radiated by passing shipments, as well as from the never disclosed risks of accidents or terrorist incidents involving truckloads of Plutonium and chemical wastes."

**4** USDOE says the imported RH TRU will eventually be shipped to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico. However, the SWEIS notes that the capacity to process, certify, and ship RH TRU to WIPP is not available anywhere, and would require new facilities and processing operations at Hanford. It also notes that DOE's hazardous waste permit for WIPP, issued by the state of New Mexico Environment Department, currently authorizes neither the disposal of RH TRU nor TRU commingled with PCBs.

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May 23, 2003

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Mr. Collins:

**1** | Please stop the madness -- I implore you, no further import of radioactive waste coming into the state of Washington, and specifically Hanford, Transuranic or otherwise.

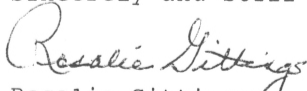
**2** | The waste issue has been a concern of mine since 1976, when we were promised a vitrification plant and it has never come into being. I don't need to recite to you what's happening with all the radioactive trash that is currently at Hanford and the dangers to our Northwest region, the groundwater and the Columbia. You well know the dangers.

**3** | I am nearing eighty and hoped that in my lifetime we would stop fouling our nest -- but that is probably not to be. However, I am concerned for your and my children, grandchildren and future generations, if they are to be.

**4 & 5** | Again, please, no more new radioactive waste shipped to Hanford, clean up the onsite waste, and shut down the unlined god-awful trenches.

Search your conscience and stop this insanity now.

Sincerely and still with hope,



Rosalie Gittings  
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Michael Callinis  
U.S. Dept of Energy  
Richland, Wa

Dear Mr Callinis,

This is a request to  
enlist your help in  
stopping any further  
importing of radioactive  
waste into Hanford.

There is more than enough  
there now! — & I am very  
concerned about health  
impact on my grandchildren  
& expected great grandchild.

Thank you  
M Longhurst.

Margaret Longhurst  
1890 SW Filmont Ave  
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May 27, 2003

Dear Mr. Collins,

1 | Being a former rocket  
 scientist it is apparent to me that you  
 are not concerned about you or my grandchildren.

2 | Please stop all of future import of radioactive  
 and chemical wastes to Hanford for burial. Also  
 3 | stop burying radioactive wastes in unlined  
 trenches immediately.

For the sake of future generations do  
 the right thing

Sincerely yours  
 Jack Van Wyle

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May 29, 2003

Michael Collins  
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Dear Mr. Collins,

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Transportation of high level nuclear waste across our country poses as unacceptable, unfathomable risk. Since 9-11, jet fueled aircraft flying at hundreds of miles per hour has not been factored into the Environmental Impact Statements of any proposed nuclear waste transportation plan.

It is not possible to build enough safety into the trucks or waste containers to withstand that kind of impact. Therefore, high level nuclear waste should remain where it is presently.

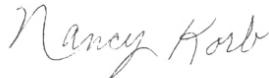
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On another subject, since I am a Washingtonian, the milestones for clean-up of the contaminated Hanford Nuclear Reservation have not been met. In view of that fact, it is inconceivable to even consider bringing more waste to Hanford.

I taught Radiation Use and Safety for over 20 years and I served three years on the Nuclear Waste Advisory Council for the state of Washington under a gubernatorial appointment. For the last two years of my appointment to the Council, I served as chair of the Transportation subcommittee. My concerns are based on my knowledge of the effects of radiation on the human body as well as the creation, transportation and storage of nuclear waste.

Please consider my concerns and include them as part of the public comments on both of these subjects.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell and Governor Gary Locke